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Faculty, Students Oppose Regulation Changes

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A final vote coming before the faculty in three weeks, Friday's hearing on the proposed changes in academic regulations for the college proved rather lively. The second of hearings scheduled to discuss the academic regulation changes, the February 12 meeting was fully attended by both faculty and students.

Hanna, chairman of the Ad Hoc committee that drew up the proposals, reminded those in attendance that all their comments would be considered by the committee when they met for possible revision of the proposals. Such action would take place before the March 3 vote. The committee will also honor any written comments, questions, or suggestions that are presented to them.

Main arguments against the changes focused on the changes in

the class attendance policy. In general, students did not feel they needed the "forced help" and some faculty members felt the proposal took away part of their academic freedom.

Faculty Pins Specifics

Along these lines, Sidney Mitchell of the English Department called the attendance policy proposal "cumbersome and problematical." Mitchell pointed out that some 150 teachers at this college do not call the attendance roll now in an uniform manner, and questioned whether this proposed policy would change anything.

In answer to this, Associate Dean for Academic Services Roy Weinstock explained that there is a need for a clear attendance-taking system to be worked out. He suggested a computer roster be printed out for each class where students

check off their own names and professors mark through the slot when students do not attend on a certain day. This system, according to Weinstock, would not take up as much class time as calling roll and would not put any excess burden on the professor.

Alice Rabson of the psychology department felt the principle behind the mandatory 15 percent attendance and the grade-lowering penalty was an "infringement on the academic freedom of the student and the faculty." She added, "I want to teach my class the way I want and it should be up to the professor what rules to make."

Nancy Mitchell of the English Department voiced her feelings that the attendance proposal put the emphasis on the wrong thing. She felt the emphasis shouldn't be placed on attendance, but on improving study

habits and the like. She pointed out the difference in the student who did not attend class regularly, but when he did he was well prepared to add to the discussion vs. the student who attended regularly but never said anything. "Who's to say which is the better student?" she asked.

Instead of the proposal, Nancy Mitchell advocated a tightening of the present system where forced withdrawal alone—and not a lowered final grade—is the penalty for excessive absences.

Members of Ad Hoc committee countered these arguments by explaining the rationale behind the attendance proposal. By setting such penalties for excessive absences, the committee hopes to make the students see the importance of class attendance and participation. They want to get those students in their first semesters to learn good habits—

regular class attendance, in this case.

As Chairman Hanna said, "This cannot force the students into the class. What it can do is scare them." The committee hopes the stricter policy would help those whose grades may drop because of excessive cuts.

"Package Deal" Counts

According to Weinstock, perhaps the proposed policy will keep someone off of academic probation who may get on because of all the classes missed.

Weinstock explained that the proposals for attendance and academic probation and suspension were interlocking in many ways. If a student is on probation, but is not pushed by a strict policy to attend classes, he will not have that much

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Bills Clear First Hurdle

ETHANNE DAUGHTREY
General Assembly has been in Richmond and so have many students in lobbying for bills that may affect life here in campus.

Several bills have been passed by both Senate and House committees during the past week. Included in these is a bill concerning the installation of a non-voting student member on the Boards of Trustees in all state-supported four-year colleges, with the exception of the Military Institute.

The bill, presented both to the Senate and the House, was passed by the Senate Education and Health Committee.

However, the Senate committee has two amendments. The first concerns individual colleges and universities to have the option of having or not to put a non-voting member on the Board of Trustees.

According to Lobby Chairman Steen, the Virginia Association of Independent Associations (VASA), helped lobby for the bill, is pleased with this amendment. "It is a mandate from the state regarding schools to place the

non-voting student on the Board," Steen explained.

A second amendment to the Senate bill stipulated that the non-voting student member would be banned from closed sessions concerning matters of personnel. Steen added, "We don't mind that at all."

Since it has now passed through committee, Senate Bill 421 will go to the Senate floor for a vote this week.

Steen is optimistic about it passing, "especially with the amendments."

A similar bill went up for a vote Friday before the House Education Committee and was met with a 9-9 tie. The tie caused House Bill 900 to be held over until Monday, February 15 for reconsideration.

"We thought we had our best chances in this committee," Steen said. "Now, we have two options. Either lobby to change some votes on the House Education Committee or amend this House bill to make it identical to the amended Senate Bill 421 that passed committee Thursday."

A second bill also passed through the General Laws Subcommittee of

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Major Grows Into Masters Program

By JOHN McCARTHY
Public administration major, a rather static discipline in Mary Washington, is in the process of development into a major of study with an Masters in Business Administration (MBA) program in operation in 1987.

Steven Czarsty, department chairman, credits much of the program to Professor Monica Lindeman, who has made great progress since she has been on campus.

level course in public administration as a possible detriment to the program, but the forthcoming developments promise a great future.

Describing public administration as "a true discipline that is adaptable," Czarsty stressed the evolutionary nature of the program here at MWC. Both he and Lindeman foresee the undergraduate program as being in full operation in two years.

According to the department's present schedule, the graduate program will begin to come in line by 1983-84. The first year the program's requirements will overlap those of the business department. The second year more classes in public administration will be added until 1987, when graduate students may start and finish in the same year.



photo by David Spatz

Jazz/Blues musician Gaye T. Adegbalola (left, shown here with her back-up guitarist, at a recent concert in the pub. Adegbalola's concert was one of many events scheduled for Black Culture Week. Black Culture Week is an annual event at MWC sponsored by the Afro-American Association.

Room Change Policies Defended by Office of Residence Life

by KERRY FISHER

Within the last few weeks, there has been some dissatisfaction among the residential students on campus. This discontent is directed at the Office of Residence Life and their recent consolidation process.

The consolidation process is a relatively new set-up at MWC. It affects only people who were left alone in double space rooms or two students in quad rooms. The persons left alone have the option to either pay \$250, or find a new roommate. If unable to locate a roommate, then a roommate would be assigned through the Office of Residence Life.

Information concerning the consolidation program was printed in the November Calendar of Events last semester. It explained that consolidation would be in effect from February 3rd through the 9th.

Individual notices explaining the process were issued January 27, and according to the Office, students

should have received them by the 28th. Room change requests were due on February 1st and 2nd. Conrad Calandra, Assignments Coordinator for Residence Life, notified all the consolidation people who had until February 8 to decide what they wanted to do.

Calandra defends the consolidation process as allowing "the college to maximize the use of our residence hall space in the most efficient manner possible." He followed this up in saying: "One reason the process exists is to assure students living on campus that they are living in similar size rooms for similar price housing fees. Another way the process affects students is that the consolidation process is a way to keep increases in housing fees to a minimum as each year goes by."

Calandra added, "The fact is that it is less expensive for the College to

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On Aug. 23, Lindeman confronted with the task of hanging out a public administration sign in ten days, presenting it to the committee meeting before the current committee met on it.

As a result, majors and prospective majors will have six new classes next year.

Steen sees the lack of a lower-

Lindeman emphasized the need for "real world" experience in the field. Plans are underway for possible field trips to Mexico City, Mexico and Ottawa, Canada, to study different management and administrative procedures.

Effort is being made to broaden the public administration program's exposure on campus.

BLS student Donna Snyder hopes to bring in a chapter of the American Society of Public Administrators. Jane Peeney is working to form a public administration club for students. Beth Brown, departmental representative, is also credited with furthering the program.

Czarsty remains confident that the progressive development of the program and student's interest in its wide applications pose a bright future for public administration here.

ELECTION EXCLUSIVE INSIDE

EDITORIAL: To Hell With The Student Body

To hell with the student body. It is a shame it has come to this, but that is how many of the campus leaders must be beginning to feel.

All around us students are upset about something. Some students are upset about the Room Consolidation process. Some students are upset with the Dean of Students. Some students are angry over the social life on campus. Some students don't like the drug rules. Some don't like the procedures in judicial court. Some students don't like the other students who enforce and interpret college policy. Many students don't even like the students who are trying to change college policy. Perhaps some of you out there don't like the Student Association or Class Council or the Senate or the Inter-Club Association. It is becoming painfully obvious that the list goes on and on. It never stops.

Unfortunately many campus leaders are so busy trying to do their job that they have the gall to take their work personally. As a result they start competing with each other over issues that affect a large majority of people who simply do not care. This in turn leads to competition between student organizations run by men and women who have the audacity to get involved. However, when the smoke clears from inter-organizational battles and differences (which have sometimes become so pronounced as to hinder friendships and grades) one thing remains very clear. Most students here love to complain but few really give a damn.

Junior Anne Thompson is running unopposed for president of the Student Association. Two positions on the Board of Publications will be filled by students who are running unopposed. The president of the Inter-Club Association next year will have also run unopposed. This is not to say that perhaps the students running aren't the best people for the job. They probably are. One thing they are not doing is sitting on their hands complaining about how bad it is. To hell with the student body.

This year and in years past students have complained and complained about the monotony of the campus social life. At a recent reggae concert there was a crowd of less than 150. These are only two of the immediate examples of what the student body is saying about the makeup of this school. We are always being told what the student body wants or what is good for the student body, and some people are knocking their brains out trying to make the student body happy. To hell with the student body.

This is not to say that the work the student leaders are doing is going unnoticed or is not doing some good. All this means is that the student leaders should stop worrying so much about what the students complain about because ninety percent of it is just that--complaining. And ninety percent of the student body doesn't seem to have their wits enough about them to get off their butts and do something about decisions that affect their lives and education. All they can do is sit back where it is safe, take no risks and say what is wrong with the system. A system to which they belong but will do nothing to change.

So, some advice to student leaders; keep doing your job and do it as well as you have in the past. It is a good thing you have vision and backbone, because you are the only ones who give a damn. Do not forget that, and to hell with the student body.

Shannon McGurk

Thrown From A Kegger?

Bring Your Complaint To Senate

To the Editor:

Were you at the keg party on Sat., Feb. 6? Were you upset about the way security was handled at that kegger? If you or someone you know was thrown out for opening a window, please come to tonight's (Feb. 16) Senate meeting to voice your opinion. The meeting is in ACL Lounge A at 5:45 p.m.

Your voice will not be ignored. A

possible class action suit against MWC is being actively formulated. By the way, according to the official records, only one person was thrown out. So all you non-entities and friends of these shadows please come to the meeting or talk with your senate representative.

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come out and state that the thief has been apprehended. Where will we leave us? With the feeling...that trust is gone in Virginia residence hall.

And if the search goes on...knows? The next suspect could be you. Or me.

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SENIORS, Only 89 days 'til graduation!!

Theft In Virginia Has Become The Rule

To the Editor:

Trust is gone from Virginia residence hall. The good neighbor policy has broken down over these past few weeks. The knowledge that there is a thief among us changes the whole atmosphere of this hall.

No longer are rooms left open and unlocked during the afternoon. It is almost too risky to leave a room unlocked while simply down the hall or in the shower. The fear the thief may "plant" a stolen article in someone's room induces us to lock ourselves in at night. Even one's next-door neighbor does not command total trust anymore. We know the thief is among us; we know the thief is one of us, and we know the thief must be someone whom none of us suspect. It could even be one's own roommate.

Theft is nothing new at this college, but it has become so serious here that the administration has taken radical steps. The entire honor council has visited to remind us all

that we are under the honor system. Just the other day, two Deans and a policeman come busting into the room to take control. To my knowledge, they accomplished nothing. However, we will probably never be told the complete truth. What we do know is that these Deans searched several rooms and have threatened specific residents with polygraph and fingerprint tests.

No arrests were made and none of the stolen articles were found. What did this search accomplish? It gave us all here someone to point a finger at, someone specific to mistrust.

The administration did not even seem to consider what the consequences of this action would be. The Deans did not make a complete search of the entire dorm; instead, they singled out a few, and subjected these girls to incredible mental anguish.

The administration may never

Move for Education Proves Vital

by JOHN CHERRY

Fulfilling a major campaign pledge, Governor Charles Robb has announced plans to increase teacher's salaries by 10.1 percent in each of the next two years, to eventually reach an average of \$21,417 by 1984.

The increases are to be accomplished without raising taxes; therefore, the money must come from within the budget. The major cuts will come in higher education, particularly to colleges like George Mason University in Northern Virginia. These schools have enjoyed "uncontrolled growth," according to the Governor. "During the past several decades, you (the House Appropriations Committee) have been in the pleasant position of being able

to expand services and add programs. But now we face harder, different times, and we must make harder and different choices. Our next budget must commit all of state government to live within diminished means."

Under the plan, money will flow through Virginia's basic aid formula to local school district officials. As such, it cannot be specifically designated to teacher salaries--leaving open the possibility of misdirection on the part of the officials. Teachers had lobbied for the increase to go directly into an "incentive fund," and set aside to salaries.

Thus, Robb's measure was a compromise between the officials and the teachers, a compromise which

left both sides relatively pleased. Virginia Education Association President Walter Milka acknowledged as much, saying "we would like to see him (Robb) go the way, but he did put it first on his list of priorities. I can't be too disappointed at this point."

The Governor's initiative is a good one, and it's about time. There are few things as vital to the Commonwealth as education. To college students this is self-evident. Higher education of the caliber we enjoy at MWC is impossible without the foundations provided by elementary and secondary school teachers. Hopefully these financial incentives will attract more prospective teachers to a job that is so glamorous, but nonetheless critical.

Do They Play The Stones in Hell?

by DARYL LEASE

Mick Jagger likes to remind us it's only rock and roll, but some people just aren't getting the message.

Some members of the New Right, when they aren't gutting budgets or dodging rocks, have begun to amuse themselves with the age-old diversion--making fun of the youngsters' musical tastes.

The latest critic is George Bush, whose brightest moments were leaving the CIA and taking up the crusade for "voodoo economics." Smiling nicely for the cameras, Bush revived the anti-rock sentiment recently when awarding a medal to Gen. James Dozier, who was rescued a few weeks ago from the Red Brigade.

Bush remarked that Dozier deserved another ribbon for being

forced to listen to rock music while held captive. Apparently prolonged exposure to the Doors is against the tenets of the Geneva Convention. Out with the thumbscrews, in with the Stones.

I'll concede the state of the art is chaos, thanks largely to groups like Journey and Foreigner, who've taken commercialism out of the elevator and piped it into your radio. And the words of the prophets may indeed be written in crayon these days, but to call rock and roll noise-I thought--went out with Spiro T.

The Vice-President I can forgive because, like all good Republicans, he means well. It's the fringe that disturbs me, those twisted few who take these things seriously.

Worthy of notice are two young

brothers from Minnesota, Steve and Jim Peters, who delight in burning rock albums for God. Voltaire, who said only charlatans are certain, would have a field day with these guys.

Both ordained ministers, the Peters are convinced rock music is the work of the devil. Yeah, we've all heard that one before, but these guys even burn Barry Manilow and the Beach Boys.

Now that's sacrilege.

"What the Devil's Wrong with Rock Music" is the title of their sermon, which usually culminates in a big bonfire with Led Zeppelin and other luminaries as guests of honor. In their sermon, the brothers in fire reveal:

--Mick Jagger is an avowed

homosexual. (What sacrifices Bianca and Marianne made.)

--John Denver says he will become God. (And be bigger than the Beatles, right?)

--If Janis Joplin hadn't overdosed, she'd have died of venereal disease. (You've got yourself two good choices there.)

--Kiss stands for Kids in Service to Satan. "Look into the eyes of Gene Simmons. The Bible tells us the eyes are the windows of the soul. Nobody's home there!" (Pull the shades, guys, it's that nut who thinks he can see my soul.)

The brothers have, of course, been criticized for their tactics, which remind some of those used in Nazi Germany. But Mom is quick to defend her boys.

"I shouldn't say this," confesses Mrs. Peters, "but when we were in high school, we thought Mr. Peters was a pretty good idea. I look what happens without God. Hitler had accepted Jesus Christ as his personal saviour, he would have done anything wrong. (Presumably if the Jews had the same, things would have been okay for them too.)

These people leave me bergasted. Perhaps when Righteous Ron in the nation through ridding the world of like rock and reading, we may around to an even bigger evil.

Intolerance. Until then, crank it up.

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Feeney Thrives on Responsibility



Feeney photo by David Spatz
by CYNTHIA WILKINSON

While many college students seem to shrink from responsibility, Jane Feeney, a junior public administration major from Connecticut, says she thrives on it, and hopes to be on the job of Honor Council President.

Feeney, a former senator and school counselor, has a long record of extracurricular activities. She is presently an honor representative of the Junior class, elected this fall for a special election for a third representative. She is also on the curriculum committee, the academic affairs committee, and the Ad Hoc Registration Committee. In addition to being Recreation Association representative from Mary Ball Hall, Feeney is also vice-

president of the public administration club, which is in the process of organizing.

As a freshman, Feeney did not see how the honor system would affect her. "It's easy—no lying, cheating or stealing," she said. "But I began to take it more seriously when others, especially professors, reiterated the importance of the system," she said.

Feeney said that the colleges near her home do not have honor systems. "There's not much trust," she explained. Coming from that background made her respect the system and what it takes to make it work.

Feeney sees the job of Honor Council President as more people-oriented than administrative, and cites her background in sociology and working with people as important qualifications.

Feeney believes keeping in touch with a lot of different people is one of the most important duties of Honor Council President. By doing this, Feeney hopes to earn other students' respect for the system.

"The system means a lot to me," Feeney said. "I know it's a lot of work, but I'm willing to take that chance," she said.

Feeney feels that most student believe in the honor system and have a general respect for it. "More people support the system than we realize," she added.

If elected, Feeney would like to see more interaction with faculty members. "It's important for them to dwell on it [the honor system] in their classes," she said. She would

make sure the professors, especially new professors, know that their cooperation is important.

While Feeney believes most professors, especially those who have been at the college longer, understand and respect the system, she believes they should be stricter with requirements, such as having students write out the full pledge on papers and exams.

Feeney mentioned that there is more trust in Mary Washington's honor system than in those at other schools. At other schools, professors have a clause about their honor system in their contracts. While the administration here backs the honor system, it is assumed that professors will adhere to it without the contract clause.

Feeney pointed out that presently Resident Assistants do not get any additional training about honor-related problems—a policy she would like to change. "There should be no conflict of interest between an RA's counseling functions and the honor system," she said. "We're all under the system," she added.

"I think I can strengthen it," Feeney said of the honor system. "The president is the core of the system," she added. "You can't make promises. All you can do is make sure there are enough people supporting the system so that it won't collapse," she said.

"I've given it a lot of thought," said Feeney, "and I think the abilities of listening, helping and not intimidating others are my highest qualifications."

Thompson Believes in System

by JANICE CONWAY

"I truly believe in the Honor System here at MWC. It's something that means a lot to me. It's part of my values," said Sarah Thompson, one of two candidates running for Honor Council President.

Thompson, a junior, has been a member of the Honor Council since her sophomore year. During this period of service, she has been involved in just about every aspect of the Council. This year, she has served as Vice-President.

"As a member of the court, my interest in it has grown," said Thompson. "The office of president will require a lot of time, organization and hard work but I'm really willing to devote all of this to the position. I find my service as a member of the Council to be rewarding."

Thompson hopes that projects begun by this year's Council will continue into next year. She explained that since this is the first year the court has been all student-run, it has tried to work closer to the faculty. "If this is achieved, the faculty will be more apt to be in cooperation with the system," Thompson said.

In addition to faculty involvement, Thompson is also encouraging student involvement. "Honor Counseling is the best way for students to become involved. It reminds themselves of what the Honor System is as well as what it means to them."

This year the Council has been revising its Honor Counseling procedures—revisions that Thompson feels are necessary. The Council hopes to change the structure of the counseling to include a large group presentation by the Council, followed by smaller counseling groups to discuss in detail and answer any



Sarah Thompson
photo by David Spatz

questions concerning the system. Thompson believes that in a more serious academic setting, counseling will become more effective.

The council has also been revising the publications used for Honor Counseling. Thompson indicated this literature will be helpful to prospective students. "It would make people want to be involved when they come here. In order to be effective, initial counseling must begin strongly," she said.

In the coming year, Thompson would also like to see the Honor Council's role expanded. She believes they should be given more responsibility. "They need to make themselves more known, possibly speaking at every dorm meeting. Lots of people don't know who they are," the candidate said. Thompson considers Contacts to be the best source in the communication between the students and the Council.

"The system is the students," she stressed. "The students are behind it. To work effectively, it takes more than the President. It requires the involvement of everyone."

Continuity: The Key to Thompson

by SARAH KOSAK

"This campus and its students have so much potential," said Anne Thompson, unopposed SA President candidate. "My goal is to see that this potential is put to its best use." As the only candidate to attend the required election workshops, Thompson goes unopposed into the coming elections. "I hope the election isn't apathy," she said. Thompson went on to explain her hopes that students would become involved next year on all levels of SA participation, leading to the possibility of more candidates in next year's elections.

Continuing the work of this year's SA is very important to Thompson,

and is also one of the reasons she ran for the office. "I am so involved in what we are doing, that I want to continue in it, and see it through," she said.

One project Thompson is very interested in continuing and expanding upon is the residential life study that this year's Executive Cabinet has started. "The study will give us facts and figures to back up the rumors we often hear about how people feel on certain issues, but that we couldn't otherwise substantiate," Thompson said.

According to Thompson, visitation and consolidation problems are two of the many important problems on which the Cabinet hopes to get

sufficient information. "This way, if I'm elected, I can give concrete proposals to the administration with definite student opinions."

Other items Thompson would like to see continued include the good rapport established with the Board of Visitors this year, and the study of the sorority/fraternity issue.

Some new ideas proposed by Thompson are an Open House at Anne Fairfax Annex for the students, and improved media relations, including possible columns in THE BULLET and TV and radio spots. "We want the students to know that AFA is not the Executive Cabinet house, but a place all the students can come to for help and in-

formation," she explained.

Two major items stressed by Thompson were the social atmosphere and discipline procedures. The first she would like to see expanded, the second made more consistent.

"Students want more than the keg-party-and-movie weekend. They want to be able to invite friends up for the weekend and know that something interesting is going on," she emphasized. Thompson went on to explain that the party policy submitted to the administration from a

Senate subcommittee would help to answer some of the problems with social activities.

In regards to discipline, Thompson considers consistency an imperative: "The Judicial System can be strengthened, and the administrative hearing problem needs to be solved."

She stressed that the Executive Cabinet this year and—if she is elected—next year wants to hear the concerns and ideas of the students. "Seven heads can't come up with all the ideas we need," she explained.

Executive Cabinet Present Progress and Plans to Senate

by KATHY LYNN KEY

The SA Executive Cabinet was present at the Senate meeting on Wednesday, February 9 to inform the student body of their plans for this semester and their progress up to now.

Libba Kepley, Campus Judicial Chairman, spoke first and addressed the issue of the present judicial system here on campus. She reported that she and SA President Mike Bennett are currently serving on the Student Defense Committee which is investigating every aspect of our judicial system. "We are striving for a good, sound judicial system—a system that won't keep changing every year," said Kepley. "There has been a lot of concern about expansion of the administrative board and hearings. We would like to consolidate the whole system and make it a clear cut, routine procedure," stated Bennett. The students have any suggestions or

complaints concerning the judicial system, they should submit them in written form to either Kepley or Bennett.

Besides this effort, the Executive Cabinet is investigating every facet of residence hall life for their campus project this year. Each officer is covering a different topic. SA Secretary, for example, is working on small houses. Bennett announced that this report should be ready for release on March 15.

Bennett also discussed briefly the upcoming room registration for 1982-83 in April. "Last year, there was a sweeping change of dorms. After five years of co-education, Bushnell became freshmen and upperclassmen. I want to prevent that from happening this year." He plans to have a meeting with Assistant Dean of Students Kenn Johnson to discuss this in the near future.

The last issue Bennett addressed was changing the structure of the

Entertainment Committee. "I don't know how it could have evolved this way, but there are currently eight people serving on the Film Committee and four on Entertainment. It should be exactly reversed," he said. Bennett and Assistant Dean of Students Dorothy White will be working together to solve this problem. He also wants the chairman of the committee to be appointed at the same time the SA cabinet members are installed instead of at the beginning of the following fall semester.

Georgiana Hall, who is investigating the possibility of bringing the Greek System to MWC, reported on her progress this semester. She has invited representatives from different sororities and fraternities from Virginia Commonwealth University and other colleges in Virginia to come and speak to our student body hopefully during the first week of March. It will be an open discussion and all students are

encouraged to attend. The date will be announced.

Another issue discussed in Senate for the past few weeks involves changing the voter registration laws in Virginia. At first, the idea was to have postcard registration, meaning people could simply register through the mail instead of in person. Dan Steen brought this to Senate's attention on February 2 where it was not well received. At that time, students felt the risks of voter fraud were too great. He obtained more information and brought it back to Senate on February 9.

Now the issue focuses on some how changing the registration policy, but not necessarily to postcard registration. Steen wants to have the Senate's endorsement on this so he can take Mary Washington's support to the General Assembly. This bill would allow for Constitutional amendment

to the requirement of registering in person. Postcard registration is only a suggested alternative.

Anne Thompson, Wendy Burnett, Sarah Kosak, and Steen learned more about this issue in a recent trip to Richmond. Burnett explained, "Personal appearance for registration can be used as a discriminatory practice especially against blue collar workers because they can not register unless they take a whole day off from work, which most of them cannot afford."

Scott Harris, Senate Vice President, suggested that Senate endorse Steen's further investigation of the issue. Thompson stressed, "This motion is not endorsing postcard registration, nor is it endorsing Constitutional change. It is endorsing the SA Whip to investigate it." The motion was approved by Senate.

Safety On This Month

by MARY F. SMITH

During the month of February, the MWC Campus Safety Committee is sponsoring Campus Safety Month in order to promote greater safety awareness on campus.

According to co-chairmen Ann Marie Smith and Sarah Thompson, the committee activities in the past included taking campus tours at night and looking for places where lights needed to be installed, checking the upkeep of the sidewalks and steps, and sponsoring self-defense films.

Classes in CPR and a 56-hour advanced first aid course are also being offered by the group. The classes are taught by three local rescue squad members—Steve Elliott, Dave Morris, and Gary Pemberton and are held Monday and Wednesday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. in the ACL Ballroom. Excluding the cost of texts, the classes are free of charge.

Dean of Students Suzanne Gordon and junior Anne Thompson started the committee last year. Following the group's tours, recommendations

are made to Gordon and repairs are made by the maintenance and ground crews.

Projects for this Campus Safety Month include a CPR and first aid demonstration, and a driving safety program in which state troopers discussed drunk driving. On Tuesday, February 16 at 6 p.m., the committee will sponsor a film, "Rape-Victim or Victor." After the film, members of the escort service will be introduced. On February 24, at 7 p.m. in the ACL Ballroom, Campus Fire Marshall Chris Landon will discuss fire safety in dorms and kit chens, and will demonstrate fire extinguishers.

Other plans for the committee include the placing of first aid kits in each of the dorms, the development of an on-campus volunteer first aid crew of certified CPR's, first aiders, and Emergency Medical Technicians.

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Answers in next week's BULLET.

Score yourself as follows:

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time to learn the value of going to class.

He emphasized, "If we do not encourage students to build up the right kind of skill, we are going to lose them."

Assistant Professor of English and Linguistics Majorie Collins did support some kind of uniform attendance policy across campus. If such a policy could be set, Collins felt the professor's job would be easier. "We would know what we're aiming at, and can set up our classes accordingly," she said.

Babysitting Not Needed

Among student concerns voiced at the hearing were general complaints that students don't want teachers to "babysit" them—which is what many see the proposed attendance policy

doing. As Suzanne Gisler said, "You can't force students to attend class. The motivation to change and pull up their grades when they are suffering must come from within."

Another student who participated in intercollegiate sports condemned the proposal as being unfair to those on MWC teams. He emphasized that sports has just as much a place on campus as academics. Hanna countered his argument by pointing out that team members will still be missing what goes on in the class.

The issue here is what should be excused and what unexcused. The committee recently amended the proposal to include a "mercy clause" which would allow students to appeal any excessive absences or a lowered grade.

Senior Cynthia Nash suggested if

the issue is missed classes missed knowledge, instead of proposed attendance policy, professors who feel attendance is an integral part of their course grading system that included participation. The student would be "threatened" with a lower grade, but faculty members would not be forced to enforce attendance.

Let It Be Known

Although other parts of academic regulation proposals discussed, the proposed attendance policy was the most debatable.

Students and faculty alike encouraged by the Ad Hoc committee to make their opinions and suggestions known in written form if they were unable to speak at one of two open hearings.

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the House Education Committee concerning mandatory smoke detectors for all state-supported college dormitories.

While Steen said the bill (House Bill 971) would not affect MWC directly since dormitories already have smoke detectors installed, he felt it was important for the rest of the state schools.

This smoke detector bill also won the approval of the full House Education Committee.

Steen explained that the three bills, if House Bill 900 passes through committee, will have to be decided on in both houses by February 22.

That date marks the General Assembly at mid-session when all approved Senate bills go to the House for consideration and all approved House bills go to the Senate for consideration.

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assign two individuals to a double room rather than two individuals living separately or in a four-person room. So in the long run, the consolidation process affects the student by helping keep the cost of living on campus to a minimum.

The consolidation process only affected five percent of the campus residents.

Following 91 room changes, 35 students were involved in the consolidation process. Nine of these decided to pay the \$250 for a single room, 11 moved into other rooms, and 15 did not have to move. This consolidation program excludes cross-campus moves. It was only carried out within a student's own residence hall. At the present time, nine rooms on campus are unused.

When asked why certain rooms are closed in the dorms, and quads are still being used, Calandra replied: "By using rooms to their full capacity and closing down rooms that need to be used, the costs of our housing program are kept down. It is more expensive to operate a quad room with two individuals living in it, than it would be for those two residents to live in a double space room if space were available."

He continued, "The question of overcrowding on campus can be answered by any number of people in many different ways. Some people are living in them [quads] to obtain a less expensive room rate. Those who have wanted to move out of them have had the opportunity to do so

during the room change process where those moves were possible. For the most part, those people in quads have stayed because they chose to do so."

Even with all these explanations being offered, discontent is a feeling of some students' response to these feelings, Calandra explained. "I would like to say all of us in the Office of Residential Life are doing our best to operate the most humane and efficient program possible. I worked individually with well over one hundred students from February 1st through the end and would like to thank everyone for their cooperation throughout the process. It made my task a lot easier."

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Nine to Five? Well, Not Quite . . .

by CYNTHIA WILKINSON
Jonathan C. Dalen, Cathy Williams and Barbara O'Neil all have summer jobs, but there the similarity to other Mary Washington students ends. Dalen, Williams and O'Neil begin their summer jobs as early as February, and they continue through October. They are what is known as seasonal workers at Virginia's two amusement parks, King's Dominion in Doswell and The Old Country Busch Gardens in Williamsburg.

Jonathan C. Dalen

Dalen, a junior performing arts major from Falls Church, spent his first season as a dancer at King's Dominion last year, and with auditions soon coming up, Dalen is getting ready to do it all again.

Dalen has had both voice and dance training, and was in several high school productions, including "Antonie Mame," "South Pacific" and "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," in which he led the lead.

Currently, Dalen takes weekend classes at both the Virginia Ballet Company in Springfield, directed by Greg Toupin, and The Dance Company in Fairfax, directed by Russell V.

Dalen credits his high school director, Robert J. Rooks, and choreographer Mary Lee Hammond for encouraging him in the performing arts.

As a freshman, Dalen auditioned unsuccessfully for the Busch Gardens show. The following year, Dalen auditioned for both parks and made both shows. "I've wanted to dance at King's Dominion since it opened," he said, explaining his choice. "I rehearsed myself long and hard," said Dalen of the auditions, "and I was ready for it. I felt very good about it."

Dalen described a typical weekend of commuting: "I'd leave class at noon Friday and be there to start rehearsing at 1 p.m. We'd rehearse until 10 p.m., get a room in Doswell and begin again at 10:30 the next morning." Sunday was also filled with rehearsals, and Dalen left for Fredericksburg at 5 p.m.

Actual shows began April 4, and Dalen got used to the schedule of four 35-minute shows a day. Dalen kept up the hectic schedule for his "summer job" from February until October.

Although Dalen tired of the grinding routine, he "could have done the whole thing all over again right then" after every show. Dalen admitted that there was tension from working and living with the same people, but said that at the end of the season the original closeness between cast members reappeared.

"I grew immensely," said Dalen of his experience. "It's not only professional theater but a learning ex-



photo by David Spatz

Barbara O'Neil, one of three MWC students who worked at an amusement park last summer. O'Neil, like the others, found her job exhausting but challenging.

perience at the same time." Dalen also mentioned the discipline and concentration he learned. "You don't worry about what's going to come," he said. "You concentrate on the here and now."

Cathy Williams

While Dalen was commuting to Doswell, Williams, a dancer in Busch Gardens' German Festhaus show, was weathering the trip back and forth to Williamsburg. Williams, a sophomore from Alexandria, admitted that her grades dropped as a result of the schedule, but she plans to audition again this year.

Williams said that Busch Gardens was her first professional job. "It's a good place to start," she said. "They tend to be friendlier."

"I wasn't that nervous," said Williams of the audition. "It's a fun experience, it's not my meat and potatoes." However, Williams did offer this advice to would-be auditioners: "Never go with a friend. You don't get psyched for yourself," she advised.

"Our show was a fun show," said Williams. "Sometimes it was boring though. We had to hold a smile for 30 minutes, and since we had audience participation, we had to be polite even when people were obnoxious."

Williams described the "marathon" her company, the spring company, went through: "Until the second company got there, we worked seven shows a day, seven days a week. Then one girl broke her foot. We didn't get a replacement, so we had to work with five guys and four girls. It was murder," she said.

Williams, like Dalen, mentioned the problems encountered when living and working with a small group of people for a long period of time. "You're working with egos," said Williams. "They have to be egotistical to perform, though," she added.

Barbara O'Neil

O'Neil will soon be going back to King's Dominion for her fifth summer. O'Neil, a sophomore who plans to go into nursing, began working at King's Dominion when she lived in Mechanicsville. Her family has since moved, and she will live in an apartment in Ashland for the summer.

For the first three summers, O'Neil worked as a food service employee, but is now a supervisor. As a supervisor, O'Neil handles all the scheduling and money for her station. She supervises 25-30 employees and an assistant manager.

O'Neil had to leave Fredericksburg by 8 a.m. to get to King's Dominion in time to set up. By the time she had directed the clean up and balanced the day's sales, it was usually midnight. "Monday's were awful," she said.

Since she is paying for her own education, O'Neil worked at King's Dominion because she could get a lot of hours—at times 72 of them in one week! O'Neil credits her King's Dominion job with teaching her "interpersonal skills" and training her to deal with customers and employees.

O'Neil plans to work at King's Dominion one last summer. "At first it was fun," she said. "But I'm ready to go on to something more professional."

Despite the commuting, long hours and sometimes-rude customers, all three students plan to work at the amusement parks again this year. Dalen perhaps said it best: "There's never a dull moment working in an amusement park. The best thing is the variety of people—you get to meet all kinds of people."

"The Good Doctor" to Hit Klein

by ELIZABETH BROWN
In their third week of rehearsal, the Mary Washington Drama and Dance Department are busy polishing up their performance of Neil Simon's comedy, *The Good Doctor*.

Simon's comedy is a series of twelve sketches adapted from the short stories of Anton Chekov. Director Roger Kenvin describes the show as a "happy collaboration" between the two artists.

The play is indeed a wonderful mixture of Chekov's dynamic and explicit characterization and modern comedy's comical, farcical, and melodramatic plots. Both are highlighted by powerful music and song.

The result is a contemporary comedy saturated in an old Russian flavor.

The narrator who leads the audience through this Simon-

Chekovian event is Michael Joyce, Assistant Professor in MWC's Drama Department. His fellow actors are all MWC students: Carol Armstrong, Kaia Campbell, Patrick Collins, Anthony Curtis, Gail Gustafson, David Hauff, Tim Horn, Monica Peterschmidt, Seth Schrager, Kathleen Walker, and Elizabeth Williams.

Kenvin expressed much enthusiasm for his cast and production. Sets, costumes, music, and actors are all in their final stages of preparation.

In this writer's opinion, based on

the bits and pieces I saw in last week's rehearsal, I am positive that MWC's production of *The Good Doctor* will be better than good!

The play will be presented in five performances beginning Wednesday, February 24 and running through Saturday, February 27. The shows will start at 8:15 p.m. in Klein Memorial Theatre and at 2:15 p.m. on Sunday.

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Where You Can Have Your Baklava and Eat it Too

by HAYSOOSE HOPPS

The fact that the 2400 Diner never lets me pay off my bill in beaver pelts doesn't keep it from being a great place to eat.

The 2400 Diner, located conveniently at 2400 Princess Anne Street, provides delightful food and charming service at prices Mary Washington students can easily afford. It's open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 7 a.m. to 6 a.m. on Sundays (rather than 24 hours, as the name may suggest), for breakfast, lunch and dinner. While dinner may push you a little over, breakfast or lunch for two will run between six and eight bucks.

There are places in this town where a student can afford to eat well, and the 2400 Diner is one of them. The restaurant seems to attract just about any walk of Fredericksburg life except students, and this strikes me as odd. I wonder what about this place would put students off — and I conclude that it wouldn't be anything at all, if only they would step inside. This isn't a place where you pay for atmosphere, but 2400 has a certain romance.

Spanking clean from the restrooms to the coffee cups, one could nevertheless imagine meeting Damon Runyon, Tom Waits or Lillian Carter here. It's sort of a cross between a Greek family-run

diner on the upper-westside of Manhattan and Anne's Grill.

Every seat, at the counter and at the tables, is Howard Johnson's-orange, and the curtains and table cloths are tackier than that pickle chips.

The placemats exhibit that map of Virginia we all recognize from so many other restaurants—the one listing all the great tourist sites and reminding us (lest we forget) that Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox and that the cardinal is our state bird.

The wall hangings would best be described as "drugstore art." There is some artist's rendering of what one might guess is a castle's ruins, and then there is my personal favorite: a third artist's rendering of a harbor so flat and nondescript, it could either be off the shore of Nova Scotia, or on the dark side of Uranus.

There is a travel poster of Greece. And then, behind the counter, there is the standard Parthenon dish, hanging from the wall, assuring us that this restaurant's ownership is Greek.

And Greek food is their specialty. The Souvlaki sandwich (which they serve open-face, so foreign dressing doesn't slide to your elbows when you pick it up) is a delight, and the Greek salad that comes with it is a meal in itself.

The menu is fairly comprehensive,



Fredericksburg's 2400 Diner, a "great place to eat." photo by David Spatz

ranging from a luscious 1/4-pound for \$1.25 (seriously) to their homemade baklava. A bowl of Manhattan chowder, containing a host of vegetables, costs 85 cents.

Perhaps the best buy is the steak-and-eggs breakfast special, which they serve till 11:00 a.m. For a mere \$2.50, you get a five to six-ounce steak that seems larger, two eggs, home fries and grits. At Sambo's or

Denny's, you'd expect to see this for over five bucks.

The Shrimp Creole is another wonder, but you'll have to check the menu for specialties of the day. Oh, yes—one thing don't bother with their milk shakes ... they're chocolate milk in a large glass.

On the standard restaurant scale of 1 to 47, the 2400 Diner scores a sizzling 41—though, admittedly, this is in large part due to its Depression Era prices. What I can't understand, however, is why I've never seen any Mary Washington students there. It's no farther than Carl's, and, besides, it's open during January and February.

The Virginia Department of State Police is an EEO Employer and is currently recruiting applicants for the position of Trooper, and is interested in and receptive to female applicants for Trooper on an equal basis with all other applicants. Qualified applicants must be in good physical condition, 21 through 29 years of age and willing to work anywhere in Virginia. Top Trooper salary is \$19,991. For additional information, contact any State Police Office or member of the Department.

Administration Ready to Listen to Students

Mary Washington's Administrative Cabinet will be at Seacobeck basement Thursday, February 25 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. to answer questions and receive suggestions from students.

The event is one of a series periodically to give students a chance to discuss issues of interest directly with any member of the Administrative Cabinet.

Members of the Cabinet are: President, William Anderson, Jr., Executive Vice President, Mary Ann Burns, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean, Suzanne Gordon, Dean of Students, Robert Hillrup, Director of Medical Services, Ray Merchant, Vice President for Continuing Education and Director of Summer Programs, Richard Miller, Vice President for Fiscal Affairs, Charles Repp, Director of Development, Conrad Warlick, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, Ruby Weinbrecht, Librarian, and Roy Weinstock, Associate Dean for Academic Services.

1982 Phon-a-thon Underway in GW

Alumni and parents of students at Mary Washington College will soon be receiving phone calls asking them to make a donation to the school.

The "phon-a-thon" effort will be made by members of the Parents Council and the Regional Scholars Association.

The Parents Council consists of parents of current MWC students. The Regional Scholars Association consists of 25 students from each class, chosen for academic ability.

The first phase of the Council two-part drive was completed with a phon-a-thon at Georgetown University. Over \$2000 in pledges were made by parents from the northern Virginia area. The second part of the phon-a-thon will take place Sunday, February 21. To date, the Council has raised approximately one-third of their goal of \$30,000.

Regional Scholars will be contacting alumni in Virginia and elsewhere in a phon-a-thon beginning February 15. The drive will take place at 6:30 on the evenings of the 15th and the 22nd. Last year the goal was \$16,000—their goal for this year is \$20,000.

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Money flies through the air as he makes a layup in last week's game against Virginia Wesleyan.
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Men's Basketball Drops Two

by DAVE WARREN

It was a bad week for the men's basketball team as it dropped both of its games to Catholic University and York College.

With three minutes to go, it was a four point game, but York spread out its offense and forced MWC to commit fouls as York won, 70-56, last Saturday night in York, Pennsylvania.

Sophomore Frank Gilmore was the only Blue Tide player in double

figures with 24 points, and 14 rebounds. Ken Riddick was high scorer for York with 15. York had five players in double figures.

"We had a good shot at winning," commented Coach Tom Davies, "but they spread out their offense well at the end."

The win boosted York's record to 15-7, while it dropped MWC's to 12-9.

The Tide lost a tough game at home earlier in the week as Catholic

outlasted MWC, 80-73.

Gilmore and freshman Tony Farris led the Tide in scoring with 20 and 19 points, respectively. A good team effort by Catholic controlled the boards as the MWC was out-rebounded, 32-29. Catholic, whose record is now 7-13, had five players in double figures.

MWC takes on Shenandoah College, tonight at 8 p.m., in Goodrick Hall.

Women's Basketball Romps

by DAVE LYNCH

Last Saturday in Goodrick Hall, the women's basketball team again showed its dominance over its Division IV opponents by crushing Bluefield College, 96-43.

Trish Long, the team's scoring leader, once again paced the Tide with 18 points. Contributing off the bench were Sue Lehman with 15, and Kathy McCaughey with 13. Ruth Bonner, the teams leading rebounder, grabbed nine rebounds, despite being plagued with foul trouble in the first half.

For the Bluefield Rams, Lynne

Philips led all scorers with 12 points. Center Sandra Fisher added ten points and grabbed 14 rebounds.

MWC 95 Averett 47

MWC's front line of Bonner, Long and Melanie Taylor combined for 47 points as they and their Blue Tide teammates rolled for its fifth consecutive win, February 10.

The game was never in question as MWC built a 41-24 halftime lead. In

the second half, the Tide pulled away methodically from Averett, allowing Coach Connie Gallahan to empty her bench to give everybody a chance to score, which they did.

For MWC, Long had 18 points, Taylor 15, and Bonner 14. Also in double figures were Kathy McCaughey with 12 and Amy Howe with 11. Bonner grabbed 14 rebounds, and Long, McCaughey, and Kim Poindexter grabbed 10 each.

For the losers, Averett guard Marsha Scott scored 17 and forward Rena Boone added 10.

Hudachek and Rose Lead Track

by DAVE WARREN

Both men's and women's indoor track teams had tough competition this week, as the women tied for second in a tri-meet at Lynchburg College, and the men squeaked out a third place finish at a quad-meet at Annapolis.

Christopher Newport finished with 10 points to capture first place in the meet of MWC and Lynchburg in the men's meet, February 12. MWC finished Lynchburg with 35 points.

Junior Terry Hudachek placed first in the 880 yard run, with a time

of 2:32, and first in the mile, in 5:36. Carole Barker, who slipped and fell to her knee at the start of her race, kept her composure and finished first in the 60 yard hurdles. Freshman Beth Dillow captured first in the two-mile, in 12:23.

"We took 11 girls and everyone scored," commented Coach Rick Wagenaar.

Catonsville Community College, a nationally ranked junior college, led the field at the Naval Academy, finishing first in front of Navy's junior varsity team, MWC, and

Essex Community College.

Freshman Terry Rose scored 11 of the Tide's 19 points, placing second in the high hurdles and high jump, fourth in the 60 yard dash, and fifth in the long jump. Freshman Wayne Farquharson ran an impressive 400 meters, finishing second in 50.8. Junior Jeff Carter took fourth in the 500 meters in 1:09.9. Sophomore Dave Modrak placed fifth in the 3,000 meters with a time of 9:20.

"Everyone's coming around and our times are dropping" said Wagenaar.

Swim Team Wins

by MARTHA NEWCOMBE

"I knew you were good, but I didn't know you were that good," commented Sweet Briar's swim coach to MWC coach Doug Fonder after the Blue Tide's 94-41 victory over Sweet Briar, February 12.

The win was an unexpected win, as last year MWC tied Sweet Briar for second place in the regional meet.

Rebecca Berry captured first place in the 400, 200 and 50 yard freestyle, and Ann Cumming placed first in the 200 individual medley, 100 butterfly, and the 100 backstroke.

"Berry and Cumming always stand out, but everybody swam well today," said Fonder. "Terry Lehman was super in the breaststroke events."

Lehman won both the 50 and 100 yard breaststroke events. Wendy Prothro placed first in the 100 freestyle and 100 IM. Jennifer Large won the 50 yard backstroke.

The Blue Tide has a 9-3 record overall in dual meets, and an 8-0 record in Division III competitions. On February 18-19, MWC will host the Regional Swim Meet.

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An anguished Virginia Wesleyan player weeps after his team lost on a last second shot in last week's game against MWC.

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SPORTS CALENDAR

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Feb. 16--Shenandoah at MWC, 8 p.m.
Feb. 20--Lynchburg at MWC, 8 p.m.
Feb. 23--Gallaudet at MWC, 8 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Feb. 16--at Roanoke, 7 p.m.
Feb. 20--at Ferrum, 5 p.m.
Feb. 23--Lynchburg at MWC, 6 p.m.

SWIMMING

Feb. 18-20--AIAW Region II Meet at MWC

Discathon Offers New Event For Disc Athletes

by ERIC WOOTTEN

One of the most interesting aspects of disc sports is how well they cover the range of athletic activities. The popular individual events up to this point in time have had one rather obvious gap in the athletic demands that are offered: endurance running. However, now there is the discathon.

Discathon is a competitive event in which players must throw a disc around a circuitous, one kilometer course in the shortest possible time. The first competitive discathon was run as a part of Octad '75 (an annual Frisbee tournament in Philadelphia).

Discathon uses only natural objects to define the course which includes many required passages. These are defined by mandatory obstacles (usually trees or light

poles) which are marked by directional arrows. The runner need not pass the mandatorys, only the disc must do so.

Conditions of passing the "doglegs" are identical to disc golf with no "unwinding" requirement. Both single and double mandatorys generate two vertical planes which must be broken by the disc in the designated direction. To complete the mandatory, the disc must pass completely through both planes, in the designated direction.

The disc must be thrown, not carried through these mandatory planes. While all forms of propulsion are legal, players may not throw consecutive "rollers". By definition, "rollers" are shots that travel more than one-third of their total length on the ground.

The race begins with the first throw and ends when the disc goes completely through the plane of the finish line. Players travel the course using two or three discs which they throw in an alternation sequence. The point at which each shot comes to rest determines the lie for the next shot. After the shot is thrown, the player may pick up the disc which determined the lie and carry it to the next lie to throw.

Discs of any size or style may be used as long as they meet the general design code. However, because of safety and other game design considerations, all discs must be made of a material having a specific gravity less than one. (It must rise to the surface when submerged, upside down, in water).

All rounds of play feature

simultaneous races of two or three players. Obviously, the situation requires a certain amount of cooperation if the players are to compete without interfering with one another. If, however, despite mutual precautions, a player is hit by a throw, the lie is determined as usual. Clearly, there are situations in which players can gain advantage by compromising these responsibilities. To do so is to risk disqualification.

Discathon presents a complete and demanding challenge. A wide range of throwing skills are required including precise curve control, strong distance and great accuracy. The running component demands speed, endurance and agility. Additionally, a carefully planned race strategy is necessary for attainment of low times.

The event should provide a completely new area of interest for some players. Discathon seems particularly well-suited to the ability of Ultimate players who are looking for an individual event as a less dramatic way of keeping in shape. An especially nice feature is that championship level courses can be put in almost any park without any special equipment.

The discathon course at MWC designed by the Frisbee Club, located across from Goolrick, and bordered by DuPont Hall. The championship caliber course will be used at the sixth annual Virginia State Frisbee Championships in April and will be a contested event for determination of the overall title.

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